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Aircraft Count.

1. On April there were 19 MIG-15 aircraft at Koethen Airfield. In addition there were also two unidentified jet fighters which are described in the following paragraph. All aircraft were silver in color and showed the conventional Soviet red star on the fuselage and tail fin. Three aircraft were dispersed in front of the hangars and the remainder were parked on the taxi-track adjacent to the runway.

Unidentified Jet Fighter.

2. The undercarriage and the tail unit appeared to be similar to that of the MIG-15 but the wing tips were angular and the wings swept back more than those of the standard MIG-15 aircraft. The fuselage did not appear to be round but might rather be described as egg-shaped, being wide at the lower part. The nose appears pointed and stands out sharply in dark red. Under the point of the nose is an opening in the form of a mouth which is stepped down below the level of the fuselage. The stepped down portion continues to a point level with the trailing edge of the wings. From this point the fuselage tapers off to the tail unit in the normal way. This aircraft was thought to be bigger than the MIG-15. (See attachment for sketch)

Flying Activity.

3. On April there was considerable flying activity throughout the day. Flying activity has been particularly lively during the fourteen days previous to this date. Most of this activity has consisted of fighters taking off and landing in pairs, the second aircraft taking off and landing close behind the first.

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4. The following vehicles were seen in the vicinity of the airfield:

SAF driver, belonging to a driving school.

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SAF driver proceeding empty in the direction of the airfield.

SAF driver carrying troops in the direction of the airfield.

Comment: The presence of an unidentified jet type at Koethen was also reported in a previous report.

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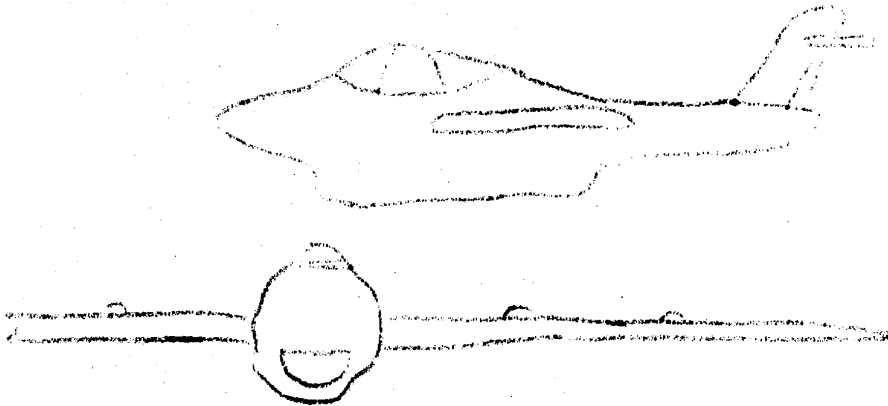
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Sketch of Unidentified Jet Fighter

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